

REMARKS

The following remarks are supplemental to the Reply filed on July 3, 2006 in response to the Office Action (Restriction Requirement) mailed on June 7, 2006, and in response to two telephone interviews with the Examiner held on August 17 and 23, 2006.

Amendments to the Claims

Claims 1 – 32 were originally filed in the application. Claims 21 – 32 were withdrawn pursuant to a first restriction requirement. Claims 33 – 35 were added in a previous Reply. Several claims were amended in response to a second restriction requirement. Claims 2 – 6, 13 – 20 and 33 – 35 were withdrawn in response to a third restriction requirement.

Claims 1 and 7 – 12 are currently pending in the present application. Prior to entry of this amendment, Claims 2 – 6 and 13 – 35 had the status of “withdrawn.”

Claim 1 has been amended as a result of two interviews, and in agreement, with the Examiner, to place the claim in condition for allowance.

Claims 2 – 6 have been rejoined to the application, in view of the patentability of claim 1, and with approval of the Examiner. Claim 2 has been amended with the approval of the Examiner to correct an error in the order of the elements: it is the input image data that may bypass the chroma/luma unit under a certain condition, and not the chroma/luma unit that may bypass the input image data.

Withdrawn claims 13 – 35 have been canceled.

Discussion

In the interview of August 17, 2006, the Examiner discussed the teachings of US 2003/0179212 (Matsushiro et al.) with the undersigned. In the interview of August 23, 2006, the Examiner agreed with the undersigned that Matsushiro does not teach a gamut conversion unit configured to use said hue angles to derive gamut conversion

values to apply to the chroma components of said source image data to produce image data values specified in an output gamut.

Drawings and Information Disclosure Statement

Corrected drawings were filed with the Reply of December, 2005. The undersigned respectfully requests that the Examiner indicate in the next communication whether the corrected drawings have been accepted, or indicate further action to take with respect to these drawings.

The undersigned filed an Information Disclosure Statement on August 17, 2006, and respectfully requests that the Examiner return signed and initialed copies of the IDS with the next communication.

Conclusion

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicant respectfully submits that Claims 1 - 12 are in condition for allowance. The undersigned thanks the Examiner for his thoughtful and informed discussions in reaching agreement on the patentability of the claims in the subject application.

If a telephone conversation would further expedite the allowance of the claims in the subject application, the Examiner is invited to contact Judith C. Bares at (707) 824-2486.

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